

REMARKS

Claims 47-48, 57, 62-67 and 72-73 are pending in the instant application. No new matter is entered by the amendments presented above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the amendments presented above and the remarks presented below.

Priority Claim

The applicant desires to claim priority for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon a previously filed copending application, namely, USSN 08/743,798, filed 5 November, 1996. As detailed in the amendment to the specification presented above, the applicant has clarified the previous claim of priority to reflect the relationship between USSN 08/743,798 and the instant application, and that 08/743,798 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,096,273.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 47 and 48 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one of skill in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts that Claims 47 and 48 were not submitted in the original filing in their present form. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and point the Examiner to Claim 33 of the original filing which is identical to present Claim 47. Accordingly, the protected sulfur groups of Claims 47 and 48 are not new matter and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 57 and 62-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Claim 57 is vague in its use of the abbreviation "CPG" and that Claims 62 and 66 are vague in their description of the disposition of the metallocene ligand. Applicants submit that the claims, as presently amended, are sufficiently definite and thus withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Informalities

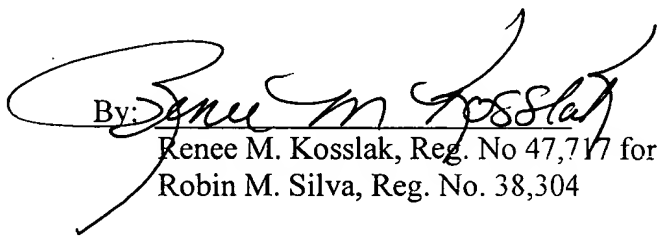
The disclosure stands objected to as lacking correspondence between the figure designations used in the approved drawings and the figure designations used in the Brief Description of the Drawings. In light of the amendments to the specification detailed above, applicants submit that this objection has been obviated and thus withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and an early notification to that effect is respectfully solicited. If after review the Examiner determines that there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (415) 781-1989.

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